

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-27 (canceled)

28. (withdrawn) A conflict resolution process for enabling a conflict between two or more parties to be resolved comprising defining a conflict resolution area, providing said two or more parties with a prepared script and set of instructions to be followed in connection with said script and a portable object contained in a package; opening the package to remove the script and portable object;

locating the portable object at a specific location and positioning the parties in close proximity to each other at said location, reading by one of the two or more parties to another of the two or more parties a set of statements according to the script and the set of instructions; and

repeating said step of reading by each remaining party of the two or more parties until all parties present have spoken while remaining in proximity to the conflict resolution area in order to resolve their conflict.

29. (withdrawn) The method set forth in Claim 28, further comprising developing a plan with the agreement of each of the two or more parties for improving their inter-parties relations.

30. (withdrawn) The method set forth in Claim 29, further comprising articulating the plan for achieving said improved inter-parties relations and confirming the articulated plan by each party.

31. (withdrawn) The method set forth in Claim 28, wherein the set of statements includes a first statement describing an action taken by one of the parties not a speaker, a second statement describing a feeling on the part of the speaker as to the effect the action had on the speaker at the time the action occurred, and a third statement describing a request on the part of the speaker, directed to said one of the parties not the speaker, in connection with the action.

Claims 32-37 (canceled)

38. (new) An article of manufacture comprising two parts for psychological intervention to address and interrupt negative behaviors so that conflicts and interpersonal issues among individuals, particularly children, can be resolved, a first of said two parts being a rectangular rug and a second of said two parts being script means for use in association with the rug by at least two participants involved in a mutual interpersonal conflict, said rug being lightweight and portable so as to be movable by a participant to a fixed location as designated by a teacher or other adult, said rug having a broad flat rectangular shape defining a conflict resolution area when placed at said location and being of a size to provide for face to face contact by participants seeking a resolution of an interpersonal conflict by mutually encouraging each other to reach a resolution of the conflict; and

a wrapper or temporary container housing the first and second parts, said rug being rolled into a roll form within said wrapper or container to facilitate shipping, carrying, handling, and overall portability.

39. (new) The article of claim 38 wherein said rug has a dimension of at least about 2 feet by 3 feet and has an original top face pattern in quiet tones supportive of a conflict resolution process.

40. (new) The article of Claim 38 wherein the script includes a multi-phase guide to be used by the participants seeking to initiate a conflict resolution, wherein a first phase relates to an action which is offensive to a first participant.

41. (new) The article of claim 38 wherein the script means comprises instructions for initiating a dialogue between the first and second participants, the dialogue including an invitation to go to the Rug to solve the conflict; a first statement to be made by the first participant describing the action which is offensive, a second statement as to the effect the action had on the first participant, and a third statement comprising a request for the second participant to modify his/her behavior.

42. (new) The article of claim 41 wherein the dialogue is continuing until the conflict is resolved and should second participant have done something offensive to the first participant, the statements made by the first participant are repeated by the second participant to the first participant.

43. (new) The article of claim 42 wherein upon agreement as to a resolution of the conflict resulting from the offensive action(s) against each other, the participants celebrate the agreement by shaking hands, hugging, high-fiving or any other similar outward sign recognizing reconciliation and friendship and then leave the fixed location.

44. (new) A teaching tool for use in psychological intervention conflicts and interpersonal relationships to address and interrupt negative behavior so that issues

between and among children can be resolved comprising a first part for defining a conflict resolution area for use as a physical and symbolic focus for convening a cognitive conflict resolution discussion at a specific location such as in a classroom determined by a classroom teacher or other adult;

said first part comprising a lightweight and portable rug movable by a child to the specific location, said rug having a broad flat rectangular shape defining the conflict resolution area when placed at said location and being of a size to provide for face to face contact by children seeking a resolution of an interpersonal conflict; said rug being capable of being rolled into a roll to facilitate carrying, handling and portability,

a second part for use in association with said rug by the children involved in the mutual interpersonal conflict who physically convene in face to face relationship around the rug at said specific location and mutually encourage each other to reach a resolution of the conflict;

said second part comprising script means for use in association with the rug and providing instructions to be carried out by the children involved in the conflict resolution discussion at the conflict resolution area, said instructions including a first set for the child seeking conflict resolution including inviting the child causing the conflict to the specific location, describing an action which is offensive to the inviting child, providing a feeling statement describing a feeling on the part of the inviting child as to the effect the action had on the inviting child at the time the action occurred, and providing a request statement describing a request on the part of the inviting child to the child causing the conflict, said instructions further including a second set for the child whose actions were deemed offensive, said second set encouraging a response showing his or her perspective on the conflict.

45. (new) A teaching tool as set forth in claim 44 wherein the rug has a dimension of about 3 feet by 5 feet and has a top face pattern in quiet tones supportive of a conflict resolution process,

said rug further being rolled in a roll to facilitate carrying, handling and portability.

46. A teaching tool as set forth in claim 45 wherein the script means includes instructions for the child whose actions were deemed offensive for use if an offensive action was committed against him or her by the inviting child, and instructions for both children to use the statements repeatedly until agreement can be reached that the offensive action(s) will be modified or stopped.